

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 6 (line 32) with the following amended paragraph.

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the handle 10 comprises the tool assembly disclosed in Co-pending Application No. 10/678,033 (~~Docket No. CLXP002/426-38~~), entitled ~~“Cleaning Tool with Gripping Assembly for a Disposable Scrubbing Head”~~ “Cleaning Tool Assembly with a Disposable Cleaning Implement”, filed Sept. 30, 2003.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 14 (line 3) with the following amended paragraph.

According to the invention, the base 42 can comprise various shapes, such as the alternative sponge shapes shown in Figs. 5A – 5D, and/or include design features, such as one or more flexible zones (e.g., vanes, slots, etc.), to tailor the flexibility of the base 42 and, hence, fitment 40. Referring to Fig. 11, by way of illustration, the base 43a can include at least one, more preferably, a plurality of vanes 43b disposed on at least one surface thereof. Alternatively, as illustrated in Fig. 12, the base 44a can include one or more slots 45a 44 b having similar or dissimilar lengths and/or widths.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 14 (line 10) with the following amended paragraph.

Referring to Fig. 15, by tailoring the flexibility of the base 42 and, hence, peripheral edge 45 thereof, a user can induce an enhanced scrubbing force (designated by Arrow F) and region proximate the edge ~~42~~ 45.